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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

INVENTOR(S) :

TITLE : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR

INSPECTING MULTI-LAYER

PLASTIC CONTAINERS

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The initial period for responding to the Office Action issued June 4, 2003 expired on September 4, 2003. A petition is hereby made for a three month extension of time up to and including December 4, 2003, in which to respond to the Office Action.

The requested extension and appropriate small entity fee are as follows:

Щ	One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$55.00
	Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$210.00
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A check in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>06-0308</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

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